



Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope



First Church in Windsor, UCC

**The Third Sunday in Lent
Habitat for Humanity Sunday**
March 20, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Roll Down, Justice

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**Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever-flowing stream,
O Roll Down, roll down justice
Roll like an ever-flowing stream,
flowing stream, roll down!**

Pastor: Holy and Living God, we open to you this day.

People: May peace flow. Let justice roll.

Pastor: Wake us from our slumber and help us see.

People: May peace flow. Let justice roll.

Pastor: Let no one feel outside Your love, outside our love.

People: May peace flow. Let justice roll.

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Passing of the Peace

Pastor: In the words of St. Patrick "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me"
Let this Peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Please pass the peace of Christ with a wave with those around you.

If you are joining on Facebook Live, please add a comment under the video or send a message to a fellow FCW community member.

***Hymn**

My Hope is Built
Words by Edward Mote
Music by William Bradbury
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**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When shadows veil my Savior's face, I rest upon unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**Christ's oath and covenant and blood support me in the rising flood;
When all around my soul gives way, Christ then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

Prayer of Invocation

“Rock of Ages”

**Rock of Ages,
When there is no other place of refuge,
when violence awaits every move
there is yet a hiding place in you.**

**As the troubles of this world press in
from the east and the west,
the north and the south,
your guiding presence leads us
to shelter in the quiet center.
The weary find rest in your being;
the distraught find a source of renewed hope.
Those who are about to succumb
gain fresh strength in your sheltering hand.
The storm passes.
The winds cease.
Darkness vanishes.**

**And those whom you have covered
will rise with the dawn. Amen.**

Anthem

We Are Not Alone
By Pepper Choplin
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Children's Moment

Scriptures

Romans 8:31-39

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 6:45-49

⁴⁵The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. ⁴⁶"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house."

Sermon

"Building a House of Abraham"

Pastor Nicole and Tom McGowan, Northcentral CT Habitat for Humanity

Hymn

If I Had a Hammer

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**If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning,
I'd hammer in the evening all over this land.
I'd hammer out danger, I'd hammer out warning,
I'd hammer out the love between my brothers and my sisters
All over this land.**

**If I had a bell, I'd ring it in the morning,
I'd ring it in the evening all over this land.
I'd ring out danger, I'd ring our warning,
I'd ring out the love between my brothers and my sisters
All over this land.**

**If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning,
I'd sing it in the evening all over this land.**

I'd sing out danger, I'd sing out warning,
I'd sing out the love between my brothers and my sisters
All over this land.

Well, I've got a hammer, and I've got a bell,
And I've got a song to sing all over this land.
It's the hammer of justice, it's the bell of freedom,
It's the song about the love between my brothers and my sisters
All over this land.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Take the fabric and write down something you want to let go. After the prayer, during the prayer response, bring up the fabric and put it in the baptismal font.

Prayer Response

I've Got Peace Like a River
African-American spiritual
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I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul (X2)

Please bring your fabric forward at this time.

Installation of Associate Pastor Search Committee

Pastor: Let us remember the unity that God has given us: one body, one spirit, one hope of our calling; one baptism; one God and Creator of all, through all, and in all.

People: **We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds us to one another and to God.**

Pastor: Let us remember the church we serve using the gifts with which we are equipped for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

People: **We are joined together in discipleship as followers of Christ.**

Presentation of those being installed:

Jan Stevens, Chair
Pastor Nicole Grant Yonkman
Laurie Bacha
Scott Burghoff
Nicole Jackson
Carmen Rincon

Pastor: Do you accept the office to which you have been called, as members of the Associate Pastor Search Committee, and do you promise, with God's help, to fulfill its duties faithfully?

Committee Members: I do.

Pastor: Will you pledge your support of the work of God in this congregation under the leadership of these people, and pray God's blessing upon us as together we seek to support one another in service?

Congregation: **We do.**

All: Almighty God, we rejoice that you have called us to be your people in this time and place. Help us to fulfill the mission of finding an Associate Pastor, seeking what our faith requires of us. Strengthen our resolve and uphold your leaders with hope and encouragement that they may endure, even through frustrations and difficulties. Fill this church with your loving Spirit that we may work together in harmony, and each working toward the common good and your glory. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Declaration

Chair of Cabinet: **In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the authority of this congregation, I declare you properly installed to the Associate Pastor Search Committee. May grace and peace be yours in abundance. Amen.**

Announcements

If you wish, you may give online [here](#).

***Closing Hymn**

Rock of Ages

Words by Augustus Toplady

Music by Thomas Hastings

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**Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide, my shelter be!
Let the water and the blood, from your wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to your cross I cling;
Naked, come to you for dress; helpless, look to you for grace;
Stained I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, meet you at your judgement throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide, my shelter be!**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Sign Me Up

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